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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Tracy Gilchrist  
Denver Service Center -NPS  
Design and Construction  
12795 West Alameda Parkway  
Lakewood, Colorado 80228-2838

Re: February 5, 2014, NPDES Compliance Inspection  
NPDES Permit No. WA0026662

Dear Mr. Gilchrist:

On February 5, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspected the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation's Elwha Water Treatment Plant (EWTP) located in Port Angeles, Washington, to determine its compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the EWTP's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, Permit No. WA0026662. I would like to express our appreciation for your company's time and cooperation during the inspection.

A review of the inspection report and EPA's files revealed the following concerns:

The inspector's review of the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR's) during the inspection showed that the EWTP had 24 exceedences of the maximum daily limit for total suspended solids (TSS) since the permit effective date of August 1, 2009.

The inspector also noted that a new diversion pump station was recently constructed at the facility. This change in the facility's operation must be added to the facility's best management practices (BMP) plan. Section II.6.a. of the permit, requires that "the permittee must amend the BMP Plan whenever there is a change in the facility or in the operation of the facility which materially increases the generation of pollutants or their release or potential release to surface waters." For any questions about this change or the facility's BMP Plan, contact the EPA permit writer for this facility, Brian Nickel, at (206)-553-6251.

At the time of the inspection, the inspector observed that both the 2012 and 2013 Annual Receiving Water Monitoring Reports had not been submitted along with the January DMR for the following year as required by Section I.C.5. of the permit. In addition, the ETWP's quality assurance plan (QAP) did not have a documented map or description of the location of each sampling point, as required by Section II.A.3. of the permit. Tom Hubbard submitted the two Annual Receiving Water Monitoring Reports to

the EPA and updated the QAP immediately following the inspection. Thank you for your prompt responses to these matters.

Although it is EPA's goal to ensure NPDES facilities comply fully with their permits, the ultimate responsibility rests with the facility. We strongly encourage facilities to maintain full knowledge of the applicable NPDES requirements and other appropriate statutes, and to take all appropriate measures to ensure compliance.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or other matters related to your compliance with your NPDES permit or the CWA, please contact Dustan Bott, Compliance Officer, at (206) 553-5502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeff KenKnight", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff KenKnight, Manager  
NPDES Compliance Unit